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SUBJ: GUIDANCE ON RELEASED POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: A. STATE 219651; B) STATE 219844

1. I WAS ABLE TO DELIVER TEXTS AND MESSAGES TO MAJOR GARCIA AT 9:30 P.M. AUGUST 29. HE EXPECTED TO PASS THEM TO PADRON SAME NIGHT, AND SAID LATTER WOULD CALL YOU IF YOU HAD NOT ALREADY TALKED. I EMPHASIZED NECESSITY OF RECEIVING ANY COMMENT ON TEXTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TODAY, AUGUST 30.

2. MY OWN REACTION IS TO WONDER WHETHER PENULTIMATE PARA. OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE STATEMENT IS REALLY NECESSARY. IT IS LIKELY TO RAISE EYEBROWS HERE, ESPECIALLY IN MINREX, AND CAN ONLY BE VULNERABLE TO PRESS AND OTHERS PROBING LATER. COULD NOT SPOKESMEN SIMPLY RESPOND, IF ASKED, THAT CONVERSATIONS HAVE TATEN PLACE IN BOTH WASHINGTON AND HAVANA, AND ADD IF NECESSARY THAT BOTH INTERESTS SECTIONS WERE INVOLVED?

3. ON A SEPARATE BUT RELATED MATTER, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN OBTAINING CHARTER AIRCRAFT AS SOON
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AS POSSIBLE (WE NEED 10 DAYS NOTICE) TO MOVE THE DUAL NATIONALS AND FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR DEPARTURE (SEE HAVANA 2599). IT IS IMPORTANT TO US FOR LOGISTICAL REASONS THAT THIS BE DONE BEFORE SCREENING TEAM COMES TO HAVANA. EVEN MORE, HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO AVOID PERCEPTION HERE OR IN THE U.S. THAT THESE PERSONS, WHO ARE AFTER ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS AND THEIR FAMILIES,

HAVE BEEN PROCESSED MORE RIGOROUSLY, BUREAUCRATICALLY
AND SLOWLY THAN CUBAN POLITICAL PRISONERS.

4. IN ANY CASE, I HOPE WE CAN HAVE AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE
AS POSSIBLE OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE SCREENING TEAM, ITS
SIZE AND REQUIREMENTS.
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